

Chief Les Hallman  
Newberg Fire Department, Station 20  
414 E. 2nd Street  
Newberg, OR 97132

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RE: SEARCH FOR JAMES PORTER, JUNE 20-23

Dear Chief Hallman,

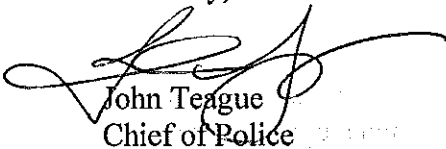
This brief note is to express my appreciation and that of the members of the Dallas Police Department for your assistance in our search for Mr James Porter. You may know that Mr Porter was later found in a church, outside of the search area, which he had broken into and in which he committed suicide.

The Newberg Fire Department Dive Team, in conjunction with the Polk County SAR, was instrumental in our being able to say we did all we could to prevent Mr Porter from harming himself. Indeed, we could not have searched the pond with any certainty had your dive team not assisted us.

As a municipal agency, it's rare that we have a need for a dive team; subsequently, many of us were new to water searches, and all of us were impressed with the professionalism and sophistication of the members, their leadership, and the equipment. Specifically, we appreciate the response of Lt Lawrence Dickenson, Peter Tranby, Josh Reese, Jason Gardner, and Michael Jennings.

Congratulations for developing such an impressive team, and thank you for the use of them.

Sincerely,

  
John Teague  
Chief of Police